



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

**Agency:** Department of Health - Chiropractic Quality Assurance Comm.

☒ **Permanent Rule**  
☐ **Emergency Rule**

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

☒ 31 days after filing.  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

☐ Immediately upon filing.  
☐ Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**  
☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose:** This rule updates the approved continuing education (CE) subject matter by adding nutrition and business management, add limits on CE hours that can be earned for some subject material, allow for CE credits to be earned by attending various multimedia CE programs, streamline the exemption rule, and requires chiropractors practicing out-of-state to comply with the same requirements of those chiropractors who reside and practice in Washington.

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 246-808-150, 165, 170

Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 18.25.0171

**Other authority:** RCW 18.25.070

**PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 05-20-101 on October 5, 2005 (date).  
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- ☐ That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- ☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date adopted:** November 17, 2005

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

Nancy McCown, DC

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Vice Chair, Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission

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A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	<u>2</u>	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	<u>2</u>	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	<u>2</u>	Repealed	<u>1</u>

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 98-05-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98)

**WAC 246-808-150 Commission approved continuing education.**

(1) ~~((Licensed))~~ Chiropractors must complete twenty-five hours of continuing education ~~((as required in))~~ per year under RCW 18.25.070 and chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 7.

(2) The commission approves the following subject material for continuing chiropractic education credit:

(a) Diagnosis and treatment of the spine or immediate articulations within the scope of practice;

(b) X-ray/diagnostic imaging;

(c) Adjustive technique;

(d) Detection of a subluxation;

(e) Physical examination;

(f) Hygiene;

(g) Symptomatology;

(h) Neurology;

(i) ~~((Spinal))~~ Pathology;

(j) ~~((Spinal))~~ Orthopedics;

(k) Patient/case management;

(l) Impairment within the scope of practice;

(m) CPR(~~((once every three years))~~);

(n) Dietary and nutrition advice; and

(o) Chiropractic philosophy and business management (not to exceed a total of eight hours).

(3) Subject matter not approved for continuing education credit:

(a) ~~((Business management;~~

~~(b))~~ Subject matter not directly relating to the chiropractic clinical scope of practice; and

~~((c) Practice building; and~~

~~(d))~~ (b) Conduct prohibited by Washington state statutes or rules governing chiropractic practice.

(4) ~~((A formal video continuing education program that meets the requirements of this section is acceptable provided that the video viewing is accompanied by a moderator and/or a panel knowledgeable in the video contents to comment thereon and answer questions or conduct discussions.))~~ A chiropractor may earn a maximum of twelve hours for:

(a) Completing a multimedia chiropractic education program, which includes, but is not limited to, the internet, and video presentations.

(b) Serving as teachers or lecturers in continuing education programs. A chiropractor may receive credit on the same basis as the doctors attending the program.

(5) The individual or organization responsible for a

continuing education presentation must provide documentation of attendance to ((the)) participants, including course content and number of hours.

(6) ~~((Licensed chiropractors serving as teachers or lecturers in commission approved continuing education programs receive credit on the same basis as the doctors attending the program.))~~ Chiropractors in active status who reside and practice outside Washington must meet all the requirements of this section.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 98-05-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98)

WAC 246-808-165 Exemptions. ~~((In the event a licensee fails to meet requirements because of illness or retirement (with no further provision of chiropractic services to consumers) or failure to renew, or other extenuating circumstances, each case shall be considered by the commission on an individual basis. When circumstances justify it, the commission may grant a time extension. In the case of permanent retirement or illness, the commission may grant indefinite waiver of continuing chiropractic education as a requirement for relicensure, provided an affidavit is received indicating the chiropractor is not providing chiropractic services to consumers. If such permanent illness or retirement status is changed or consumer chiropractic services resumed, it is incumbent upon the licensed chiropractor to immediately notify the commission and meet continuing chiropractor education requirements for relicensure. Continuing chiropractic education hours shall be prorated for the portion of the period involving resumption of such services.))~~ The commission may grant exemptions or time extensions on an individual basis, if a licensee fails to meet continuing education requirements due to illness, retirement, or other extenuating circumstances.

#### REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 246-808-170

Licensees residing and practicing out-of-state--Continuing education requirements.